Practice: 798 - Seasonal High Tunnel for Crops

Scenario: #1 - Seasonal High Tunnel

## **Scenario Description:**

Used for contiguous US states in areas with low or no snowfall. A quonset-style (round) manufactured frame of tubular steel (30 x 72 ft.) covered with 4-year 6mil plastic. Costs are based on purchase of manufactured kit and landowner installing the structure. Structure must be installed to manufacturer's specifications.

## **Before Situation:**

Cropland where extension of the growing season is needed. Additional resource concerns that may need to be addressed include; soil erosion, soil condition, water quality, water quantity, plant condition, and energy use.

## **After Situation:**

A seasonal high tunnel has been installed and the growing season has been extended for 1-4 months on average. Plant health and vigor is improved and there is decreased energy use by producing food locally.

Scenario Feature Measure: Area of Tunnel Installed

Scenario Unit: Square Foot Scenario Typical Size: 2,160

Scenario Cost: \$7,344.40 Scenario Cost/Unit: \$3.40

| Cost Details (by category):             |      |  |                |           |          |            |
|---|------|--|----------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Component Name                          | ID   | Component Description  | Unit           | (\$/unit) | Quantity | Cost       |
| Labor                                   |      |  |                |           |          |            |
| General Labor                           | 231  | Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.   | Hour           | \$17.83   | 40       | \$713.20   |
| Materials                               |      |  |                |           |          |            |
| Hoop House, quonset style, base package | 1277 | Includes the framework complete with all predrilled steel, hardware and instructions. Includes 6 mil 4-year polyethylene film to cover tunnel, and polylock for sides and ends for a quonset style (round top) hoop house. Materials and shipping only, does n | Square<br>Foot | \$3.07    | 2160     | \$6,631.20 |